General Assembly

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LCO No. **1312**

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
  (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY REGISTRAR OF VOTER SESSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. Section 9-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2   following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3   (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day
4   that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
5   accordance with section 9-423. **[**, and "election day" means the day of
6   each regular election. (1)**]** The registrars of voters of each town shall
7   hold **[**sessions**]** a session to examine the qualifications of electors and
8   admit those found qualified on the **[**dates and at the times set forth in
9   this section. Such sessions shall be held on the following days during
10   the hours indicated, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
11   subsection:

T1   Day   Hours

T2	Fourteenth day	
T3	before primary day ………………	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
T5	Saturday of third week	
T6	before election day ………………	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
T7	Seventh day	
T8	before election day ………………	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

12 The session of the registrars of voters on the seventh day before
13 election day shall be the last regular session for the admission of
14 electors prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-1.
15 (2) No**]** fourteenth day before primary day during any two hours
16 between five o'clock p.m. and nine o'clock p.m., except no town having
17 a population of less than twenty-five thousand persons shall be
18 required to hold **[**sessions**]** such session for admission of electors. **[**on
19 the fourteenth day before primary day.**]**

20   (b) **[**Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
21 the**]** The registrars of voters shall hold a limited session on the last
22 week day before each regular election from nine o'clock a.m. to five
23 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of admitting only those persons whose
24 qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in the municipality
25 were attained after the last session for the admission of electors prior
26 to an election. The registrars shall enter the names of those electors
27 admitted at such limited session on the proper list, with their
28 residences by street and numbers.

29   (c) In addition to the sessions held pursuant to subsections (a) and
30 (b) of this section, the registrars of voters in each town shall hold one
31 session each year, between the first of January and the last day of the
32 school year, at each public high school in such town, for the admission
33 of persons who are eligible for admission under subsection (a) or (b) of
34 section 9-12, provided, in the case of a public high school in a regional
35 school district, such session shall be held on a rotating basis by the

36   registrars of voters for each town which is a member of the regional

37   school district. The registrars of voters need not give notice of this

38   session by publication in a newspaper.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2014*	9-17

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate two of the three mandatory voter registration sessions prior to an election.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]